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NEA/AFN FOR AMBASSADOR NEUMANN

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

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1. EMBASSY HAS THUS FAR HAD NO DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE OF JAN 24 TO MFA CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION BENKIRANE, WHO THEN NOTED LAST YEAR'S ABSTENTION BUT PROMISED TO RAISE ISSUE WITH FONMIN LARAKI AGAIN (REFTEL B). WE CONTACTED BENKIRANE FEB 1 FOR STATUS REPORT, AND HE TOLD US MATTER WAS STILL BEFORE FON MIN AND GOM DECISION EXPECTED "NEXT WEEK."

2. MOROCCAN INCLINATION, IT SEEMS TO US, MAY WELL BE TOWARD ABSTENTION; ABSENCE OF POSITIVE WORD FROM MFA SO FAR SUPPORTS HYPOTHESIS MOROCCANS HAVE NO GOOD NEWS TO TELL US. WHILE WE COULD ESCALATE MATTER TO HIGHER LEVEL OF MFA IN ORDER TO PUSH FOR GOM SUPPORT AND TO OBTAIN MORE DEFINITE READING ON MOROCCAN ATTITUDE, WE QUESTION WHETHER THIS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE IN VIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL

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FACT THAT FON MIN IS ALREADY SEIZED WITH IT. FURTHERMORE,

WE UNDERSTAND FON MIN IS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR CAIRO TO ATTEND ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEB 5; HIS AVAILABILITY FOR A FURTHER DEMARCHE IS THEREFORE UNCERTAIN.

3. IN FON MIN'S ABSENCE, AS WELL AS THAT OF AMBASSADOR NEUMANN, I AM PREPARED TO RAISE ISSUE EARLY NEXT WEEK WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHERKAOUI, NUMBER TWO AT MFA, IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE USEFUL. I SUGGEST THAT QUESTION OF FURTHER DEMARCHE TO FON MINISTRY BE DISCUSSED BEFOREHAND WITH AMBASSADOR NEUMANN, WHO LEFT MOROCCO FEB 1 FOR CONSULTATIONS IN DEPT.
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